

September 7, 2004

Recipient

Dear:

Your recent **Baseline / Annual / Periodic / Exit** medical examination for the Wildland Firefighter Program identified one or more issues which must be further evaluated. **Please bring this letter and any enclosed documents to your personal physician or specialist as soon as possible**, and have the additional information indicated below faxed or mailed to the Central Medical Consultant's office. A final rating determination cannot be made until additional medical information is received.

Please ask your doctor(s) to review and provide a determination on the following information:

Asthma treated with _____: need detailed list of all asthma "triggers," dates of any emergency room visits or hospitalizations in the last two (2) years and evidence of good asthma control (such as peak flow readings or recent spirometry, if available).

Additional Comments:

Your doctor(s) must also review the essential functions of a wildland firefighter (**see enclosed**) and provide their **written opinion** as to whether or not you can safely and efficiently perform at the arduous level. A **copy of all test results** used to support this opinion must be included. Please ensure that your name, SSN, and Date of Birth are on all results submitted to Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.

Please have your personal physician or specialist submit the results directly to:

Comprehensive Health Services, Inc.
Attention: **Interagency WLFF**
8229 Boone Blvd., Suite 700
Vienna, VA 22182-2623
Fax: (703) 288-5482

Respectfully submitted,

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Note: The Wildland Firefighter Program does not provide reimbursement for any expenses associated with your further evaluation or treatment for the above issues. If the condition is a result of a work related exposure supported by a prior worker compensation claim, contact your worker's compensation claim case worker for further information regarding reimbursement.

Warning: Use of **Albuterol (MDI)** and other pressurized asthma inhalers on the fire line may represent a safety risk. Manufacturers of pressurized inhalers generally warn against exposure of these products to high heat and open flame, due to the risk of bursting. Please discuss this information with your doctor, who may wish to recommend alternative treatment for your asthma.

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